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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

IN THE CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION(S)

Add paragraph on page 1, line 1, "Cross-Reference to Related Application" --This application is a continuation of Application No. 09/432,309, filed November 2, 1999, entitled "Hydraulically Operated Overhead Door.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-35 and add new claims 36-64 (marked up version attached in Appendix), such that pending claims 36-64 are as follows:

36. (New) An overhead door assembly for a building having an opening to be closed by a door, the door assembly having a vertical closed position and a horizontal open position and the door assembly having dimensions that are substantially equal to the building opening, comprising:

a frame, comprising a horizontal support member and first and second vertical members fixedly mounted to either end of the horizontal member, the vertical members fixedly mounted to a ground portion;

a one-piece door member having a thickness including top and bottom horizontal ends and first and second vertical sides, the top horizontal end of the door